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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

KRYSTEK ET AL.

**APPLICATION NO: 09/853.918** 

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FOR: MODIFIED INOSINE 5'-MONOPHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2002, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-17, 32, 53 and 55-56. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

If the Examiner wishes to discuss this reply of any aspect of this case, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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